



Embassy of the United States of America

American Citizen Services
24 Grosvenor Square
London, W1A 2LQ

REDEMPTION OF U.S. SAVINGS BONDS ABROAD

Paper U.S. savings bonds cannot be presented for immediate payment while the owner is abroad. Electronic U.S. savings bonds, however, can be purchased, managed, and redeemed through a personal TreasuryDirect account. TreasuryDirect account holders also may convert their paper bonds to electronic securities. For more information on electronic bonds, please see: <http://www.savingsbonds.gov>.

REDEEMING PAPER BONDS: To redeem paper bonds, the owner must execute a *request for payment* in the presence of a qualified witnessing official and then mail the bonds to an appropriate authority in the United States. The request for payment may be executed at the U.S. Embassy, by appointment only. To book an appointment during our notary hours, see:

http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/notary_appointment_instructions.html.

Notarial services in connection with U.S. savings bonds are performed free of charge at the Embassy.

The bond's owner must present a passport as evidence of identification. If the applicant's name has changed through marriage, the bond owner must also present a marriage certificate.

If the applicant for payment can't come to the Embassy, he/she should execute FORM PD 1522 in the presence of a solicitor or notary public. FORM PD 1522 may be downloaded at: <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/NC/FoRMSHome?FormType=SBF>

FORM PD 1522 should then be mailed to the Legalization Section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Old Admiralty Building, for legalization in accordance with the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, October 15, 1981. There is a fee for this service. For information, call 020-7008-1111 or see: <http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-the-fco/what-we-do/docs-and-legal-services/legalisation/>.

After the applicant's signature has been witnessed, the bonds may be forwarded for payment to the United States by either of the methods below. It takes approximately

three months after application is submitted for a dollar check to be received by the applicant for payment. The signed and certified bonds can to either the:

Federal Reserve Bank of Pittsburgh
P.O. Box 867
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Bureau of the Public Debt
P.O. Box 7012
Parkersburg, WV 26106-7012

The signed and certified bonds also may be forwarded via the local branch of a British bank with offices in the United States.

TAX INFORMATION: If the owner of the bonds is a U.S. citizen, he/she should prepare a signed statement to be sent to the United States with the bonds. This statement should give the owner's passport number, date and place of birth, country of residence, and the name and address of the authority to which taxes are paid.

If the owner of the bonds is a citizen of a country which has a tax treaty with the United States (Great Britain is such a country), he/she should complete IRS FORM W-8 to claim exemption from the U.S. tax on the interest of the bonds. It should be sent to the United States with the bonds. IRS FORM W-8 is available at:
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw8ben.pdf#search=%22IRS%20W-8%22>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For more information on U.S. savings bonds, see:
www.savingsbonds.gov

Bond owners may also find helpful the **Savings Bonds Calculator** at:
http://www.savingsbonds.gov/indiv/tools/tools_savingsbondcalc.htm

For further information about bonds in general, contact:

The Bureau of the Public Debt
Savings Bonds Operations Office
P.O. Box 1328
Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328